
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE BARACK OBAMA FOUNDATION ESTABLISH A
PRESIDENTIAL CENTER IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, presidential centers are important institutions
2 that preserve the historical record and sponsor programs to make
3 a better future; and
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5 WHEREAS, presidential centers have evolved since their
6 founding by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt to include
7 multiple components, including archives, museum exhibitions,
8 conference facilities, university research programs, and
9 educational initiatives; and
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11 WHEREAS, the distinct elements of a presidential center can
12 be located in a single location, as in the case of the George W.
13 Bush Presidential Center in Dallas, or in more than one
14 location, as in the case of the Clinton Presidential Center in
15 Little Rock and the Clinton Foundation, headquartered in New
16 York City; and
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18 WHEREAS, Hawaii's proposal, submitted by the University of
19 Hawaii in collaboration and with support from state, federal,
20 county, business, philanthropic, and community leaders, promotes
21 a Barack Obama Presidential Center to not only preserve the
22 President's legacy but to advance it through a center that
23 promotes innovation, research, and education such as a K-12
24 Global Youth Leadership Academy, an action-oriented Convening
25 Institute, a University of Hawaii Center for Community
26 Organizing, and an interactive, issues-based Visitor Center; and
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28 WHEREAS, Hawaii's advantage lies not only in its hospitable
29 climate and exceptional natural beauty, but also in its
30 multiculturalism and aloha spirit, offering a location where
31 national and international visitors, scholars, and global
32 leaders will experience the beauty of Hawaii's diversity and



1 aloha spirit and, most importantly, a sense of place and
2 familiarity; and
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4 WHEREAS, as the world's attention pivots to the Asia-
5 Pacific region due to its growing economic and geopolitical
6 prominence, Hawaii represents the ideal location to create a
7 Barack Obama Presidential Center; and
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9 WHEREAS, Hawaii is strategically located, culturally
10 diverse, and roughly equidistant from the world's principal
11 economic capitals, which will enable the Center to bring
12 together scholars, stakeholders, and decision-makers to tackle
13 global challenges, from climate change to economic inequality;
14 now, therefore,
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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
17 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
18 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that this body requests
19 that the Barack Obama Foundation support and recommend the
20 establishment of a Barack Obama Presidential Center in Hawaii;
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the Board
25 of Directors of the Barack Obama Foundation.

